

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Robert G. Taub

Mail Classification Schedule Change
Certificate of Mailing Service
International Certificate of Mailing Service

Docket No. MC2012-24

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(Issued May 22, 2012)

Introduction. The Commission hereby provides notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, that the Postal Service has filed notice of a minor classification change related to Certificate of Mailing Service and International Certificate of Mailing Service.¹ The Notice was filed on May 18, 2012 under Commission rules 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91. It also presents, as Attachment 1, proposed revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). *Id.*, Attachment 1.

MCS change. The Postal Service proposes to amend the market dominant products Certificate of Mailing and International Certificate of Mailing and the

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes Related to Certificate of Mailing and International Certificate of Mailing Services, May 18, 2012 (Notice).

competitive product International Certificate of Mailing in the MCS so as to include permit imprint as a postage payment option for bulk prices. *Id.* at 1. In addition, the Postal Service proposes to amend the same three products to clarify that bulk prices are limited to identical-weight pieces. *Id.* The Postal Service also proposes to amend the list of classes and products in section 1505.6.1(b) to include Parcel Return Service and all of Parcel Select. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service asserts that because the current MCS language in sections 1505.6, 1510.1, and 2615.1 concerning postage payment methods at bulk prices includes all payment methods other than permit imprint, it can achieve its objective of adding permit imprint as a payment method by subtracting all existing enumerated payment methods. *Id.* at 1.

Revision to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) and International Mail Manual (IMM). The Postal Service anticipates publishing changes to the DMM and IMM reflecting the changes that it has proposed. These classification changes are scheduled to become effective on August 6, 2012. *Id.* at 2.

Related procedural matters. The Commission has posted the Notice on its website at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice and Attachment 1. The Commission invites comments on matters raised by the Notice, including the consistency of the change with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. The due date for comments is May 29, 2012.

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2012-24 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due by May 29, 2012.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary